

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 19. (canceled).

20. (new): A method for screening for a drug that increases gene expression from the promoter of the gene for FLJ13111, comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting a test compound with a cell harboring a reporter gene operably linked to the FLJ13111 gene promoter, wherein said promoter comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26,
- (b) measuring a change in expression of said reporter gene due to the presence of said test compound, and
- (c) identifying a compound that increases the expression of said reporter gene.

21. (new): The method according to claim 20, wherein said promoter consists of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26.

22. (new): The method according to claim 20, wherein said reporter gene is one member selected from the group consisting of luciferase gene, cloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene and green fluorescence protein gene.

23. (new): The method according to claim 20, wherein said reporter gene is luciferase gene.